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| <p>Applicant requests review of the final rejection in the above-identified application. No amendments are being filed with this request.</p> <p>This request is being filed with a notice of appeal.</p> <p>The review is requested for the reason(s) stated on the attached sheet(s). Note: No more than five (5) pages may be provided.</p> <p>I am the</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 45%;"> <input type="checkbox"/> applicant/inventor. <input type="checkbox"/> assignee of record of the entire interest. See 37 CFR 3.71. Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is enclosed. (Form PTO/SB/96) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> attorney or agent of record. Registration number <u>54,774</u> </div> <div style="width: 45%; text-align: right;"> <u>/Michael L. Robbins/</u> Signature <u>Michael L. Robbins</u> Typed or printed name <u>415.362.3800</u> Telephone number <u>May 18, 2007</u> Date </div> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; margin-top: 10px;"> <div style="width: 45%;"> <input type="checkbox"/> attorney or agent acting under 37 CFR 1.34. Registration number if acting under 37 CFR 1.34 _____ </div> <div style="width: 45%;"></div> </div> <p>NOTE: Signatures of all the inventors or assignees of record of the entire interest or their representative(s) are required. Submit multiple forms if more than one signature is required, see below*.</p> | | | |
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SYSTEM AND METHOD

PATENT APPLICATION

Art Unit: 2818

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Dear Sir:

This request is made in reply to the Final Office Action dated December 18, 2006 and is submitted concurrently with a Notice of Appeal.

The requested Review is to focus on rejections and arguments in the previous response dated October 4, 2006.

Claims 30, 35, 36 and 38 were pending in the Application prior to the outstanding Office Action. In the Office Action, the Examiner objected to claims 35 and 36 and rejected claims 30, 35, 36 and 38.

Claims 30 and 38 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by *Amagasa* (U.S. Patent No. 4,750,077).

Amagasa does not disclose an improved apparatus for semiconductor processing, a helical ribbon electrode, or an electrode coupled to the output of a RF generator, but rather a coil device for use in a dynamo electric machine or for a protection circuit for AC to DC converter. *Amagasa* discloses an inductive coil with certain value of capacitance to act as a low pass filter in an electrical circuit. In contrast, the present invention discloses an electrode, which is a conductor coupled to the output of a circuit and serves as an antenna to radiate energy from an RF generator. There is no mention of electrode, antenna, or an RF generator in the *Amagasa* disclosure.

Claims 35 and 36 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Ye et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 6,488,862) in view of *Amagasa*.

Ye, et al. discloses an apparatus for semiconductor processing, while *Amagasa* discloses a coil for a dynamo electric machine or for a protection circuit. *Amagasa* does not mention semiconductor processing, and does not mention an electrode for an RF generator. Thus Applicants submit that the combination of

Amagasa to Ye, et al. is improper.

For the above discussed reasons, claims 30, 35, 36 and 38 are believed to be allowable and such is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-1325 for any matter in connection with this paper.

Respectfully submitted,

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